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In re Application of:

Robert E. SPARKS et al.

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For: PRODUCTS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MOLDS AND CORES USED
IN METAL CASTING AND A METHOD FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE
AND RECYCLE FROM CRUSHED ROCK

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(1) or (2), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of the above-identified application as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491. Accordingly, no fee is required.

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	AB	5,019,302	5-28-91	Sparks et al.			
	AC	5,100,592	3-31-92	Sparks et al.			
	AD	3,385,436	5-28-68	Murphy			
	AE	3,933,626	1-20-76	Stukel et al.			
	AF	4,213,852	7-22-80	Etkin			
	AG	5,032,256	7-16-91	Vickery			
	AH	5,163,562	11-17-92	Wilhelm et al.			
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	AB	4,978,076	12-18-90	Andrews et al.			
	AC	5,045,090	9-3-91	Pohl			
	AD	4,449,566	5-22-84	Filpovitch et al.			
	AE	4,491,277	1-1-85	Bauer et al.			
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	AB	4,154,894	5-15-79	Bushey			
	AC	4,735,973	4-5-88	Brander			
	AD	4,980,394	12-25-90	Lemon			
	AE	5,865,236	2-2-99	Hansen et al.			
	AF	5,094,289	3-10-92	Gentry			
	AG	5,271,450	12-21-93	Bailey			
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	AD	5,794,865	8-18-98	Didion et al.			
	AE	3,764,078	10-9-73	Richard			
	AF	3,863,847	2-4-75	Day et al.			
	AG	3,979,073	9-7-76	Leliaert			
	AH	4,050,635	9-27-77	Mueller et al.			
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	AC	4,671,867	6-9-87	Battie et al.			
	AD	4,738,615	4-19-88	Bailey et al.			
	AE	5,219,123	6-15-93	Jacob			
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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 CFR §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance ~~under 37 CFR §1.311~~ but before the payment of the Issue Fee. Therefore, certification in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e) is included herein.

The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report mailed not more than three months ago in a counterpart PCT patent application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

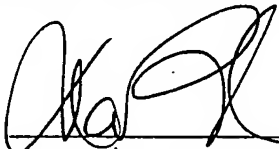
Additionally, submitted herewith is a check for the fee of \$180.00 which is the IDS processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). Should any additional fee be required by the filing of this statement, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the first citation of any item(s) by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application was not made, in any communication from the foreign patent office, more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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